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The ABLE2 and Reach boards of directors are delighted to announce that on January 3rd, 2023, Reach Canada merged with ABLE2 to increase our impact on people with disabilities in our community.

Reach Legal Services will now be a program of ABLE2, and the excellent legal education workshops will continue as part of ABLE2's Grow Education Series. Jennifer Mbang will head up the service starting on January 30. Jennifer was called to the bar in 2018. She completed her articles at Reach Canada. She has experience in criminal law, disability law, education law, human rights, immigration, indigenous law, international law, and litigation.

"Reach Canada and ABLE2 have been working together for the last four years to bring about this merger. By joining ABLE2, we can help more people with disabilities connect with community resources to deal with their legal issues. In addition, our excellent educational programming can reach a wider audience." Frank McNally, Reach Canada Board Chair

Reach Canada was incorporated in 1981 as a response to the United Nations' International Year of Disabled Persons. From the beginning, hundreds of legal professionals and volunteers have donated and continue to contribute their time and expertise to provide excellent and timely legal advice and educate the community on disability-related topics.

The merged organization will continue to work with partners to provide the tools, choices and connections that empower people with disabilities to build lives of meaning and joy, including fostering access to justice.

Rob Meredith, ABLE2's Board Chair, welcomed the merger stating, "The Board and staff at ABLE2 are delighted to incorporate Reach's legal referral and educational programming to the wide range of programs we deliver to support people with disabilities build lives of meaning and joy. Together we aspire to achieve our shared vision of an inclusive community where all people are seen as able, important, and valued."

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